

The Report of Whakarongo: Legendary Reporter

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It was a cold night, with dawn so far off the milkmen had not even hoisted themselves out of their beds to start to deliver the moo-juice.

I sat at my computer, flexing fingers, unused to typing for many weeks, and started tapping the magic keys that would crack the whole case.

Somewhere in what I was going to hear tonight was something significant, something that would blow this popsicle stand wide open...it was ...The Case of the ConSuite Conversation!!!!

Talk Topics:

Zoom Settings were discussed and demonstrated, as there had been upgrades.

Some attendees had to load the new Zoom version so they could not only see the Breakrooms at the bottom of the screen but let themselves in.

Time Zones were marvelled over, with NZ attendees winning with 2AM.

There were really bad jokes.

Place names and their history was talked about, segueing into history of indigenous people

Pronouns were discussed and the way to alter your name to include the pronouns was demonstrated, this led to a photograph of Kevin Standee in drag. (This reporter has been around more times than a revolving clothesline, but I'm just going to leave that statement there.)

Grave concerns were held over the possible weather in DC in 2021, whenever they decide to hold it – seems there is no happy medium for the District of Columbia.

Weather woes were side-tracked by an explanation of Zoom meeting rooms.

And Grenadine links and how they work. Henry gave his talk in the main ConSuite.

For a while there was a lively exchange of book recommendations. Which lead inevitable cat stories...don't ask

I did my "Photographers Best Practice T-shirt" talk. With prop t-shirt.

Then there was a debate on sightseeing in-body and how it stacks up against virtual sightseeing.

There is a new word - COVIDIOTS.

A brief Westercon discussion which moved offsite.

The pro and cons of traveling to cons via car or plane – stems from the fact that TONOPAH has no bus or train service.

Brief lecture of Nevada History and the striking of the gay law and discriminatory language from the states documents.

Plan made to follow-up CHENGDU Accessibility rooms claim

Geography for non-Californians

Work/Life Balance

Life after Con

Con Horror stories and general weird goings on when pursuing our calling.

And now this reporter will gather their trenchcoat about them and shamble off into the long slanting shadows of the dregs of the day of SmofCon37 1/4 !

The End

